## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An ink jet recording element comprising a support having thereon a porous image-receiving layer comprising particles, a poly(vinyl alcohol) binder and a crosslinking agent, said particles having a primary particle size of from about 7 to about 40 nm in diameter which may be aggregated up to about 300 nm, and said crosslinking agent being present in an amount of at least about 20 weight % of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder.
- The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said crosslinking agent is present in an amount of at least about 40 weight % of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder.
- The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said crosslinking agent is present in an amount of at least about 50 weight % of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder.
- The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said crosslinker is an aldehyde, an acetal or a ketal.
- ${\it 5.}\ \, {\it The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said crosslinker is} \\ {\it 2,3-dihydroxy-1,4-dioxane.}$
- ${\it 6. \ The recording \ element \ of \ Claim \ 1 \ wherein \ said \ support \ is}$  polyethylene-coated paper.
- The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said imagereceiving layer also contains a mordant.
- The recording element of Claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of said binder to said particles is from about 1:20 to about 1:5.

- The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said particles are metallic oxides.
- The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said particles are porous.
- $11. \ \, {\rm The\ recording\ element\ of\ Claim\ 9\ wherein\ said\ particles\ are}$  fumed.
- 12. The recording element of Claim 11 wherein said fumed metallic oxide particles are fumed alumina, fumed silica or cationic fumed silica.
- $13. \ \ \text{The recording element of Claim} \ 11 \ \text{wherein said particles are fumed alumina}.$